



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Research Memo

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Re: Immediate Family Members Serving Concurrently in a State Legislature

QUESTIONS

1. Identify, to the extent possible, potential relatives serving concurrently in the Wyoming Legislature.
2. Provide examples of relatives serving concurrently in other state legislatures.

ANSWERS

1. No resource through the Legislative Service Office (LSO), Wyoming State Library, or State Archives could be identified that records the potential familial relationships between legislators. Nonetheless, as a crude predictor of potential relationships, the State Archives, initially, and LSO, subsequently, compiled a list of members of both chambers serving concurrently with the identical surnames. (See Attachment A.)

Based upon this tabulation, 81 instances through the history of the Wyoming Legislature can be identified whereby two members with the same surname served in the Legislature concurrently. Four instances have been identified when at least three members with the same surname served concurrently. By researcher observation, some of these members had no familial relationship whatsoever, sharing only their surname. However, it is not possible within existing resources and policies (researching one current or former member of the Legislature for another) to definitely determine whether any of the identified members have a familial relationship. Furthermore, although it is likely that this research approach would yield immediate male family members, e.g., father and son, it would not necessarily identify less immediate family relationship, e.g., grandfather and grandson or importantly, family relationships of married women serving in the Wyoming Legislature.

2. Again, no central, authoritative repository of information regarding relatives serving concurrently in other state legislatures could be identified. However, at LSO's request, NCSL did survey the states by e-mail and has received 17 responses as of this writing. Those responses yielded many historic or current examples of a father and daughter serving concurrently, e.g., Arizona presently; a father and son serving concurrently, e.g., Wyoming, New Jersey, Oregon, and Texas, presently; and a mother and son serving concurrently, e.g., Washington presently.¹ Other examples include a husband and wife, mother and daughter, brothers, brother and sister, and grandfather and grandson. (See Attachment B for the complete responses.)

Utah's response illustrates the lack of formal information collected in this area by stating, as in Wyoming, "Records of this nature have not been kept for the Utah House..." The response from Texas was more

¹ No distinction was made as to whether the family members were serving in the same chamber, but this could be made by examination.

complete and identified four different sets of father and son combinations dating back to 1861. Two of these served in the same chamber and the other two served in the same legislature.

If you need anything further, please contact LSO Research staff at 777-7881.

ATTACHMENT A

WYOMING LEGISLATORS - SAME LAST NAMES -

Wyoming Blue Book (Vol. I: 1869-1890)

<u>Council</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pease, E.L. (D-Uinta) & L.D. (D-Albany)	1877
Smith, P.L. (R-Carbon) & Robert (D-Sweetwater)	1888
<u>House of Representatives</u>	
Jones, F.H. (R-Sweetwater) & J.S. (R-Carbon)	1882

Wyoming Blue Book (Vol. IV: 1890-1990)

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Sessions</u>
Cross, George A. (R-Fremont) & William H. (R-Converse)	24 th – 26 th
Horton, Frank O. (R-Johnson) & H.H. (R-Albany)	19 th & 20 th
Perry, Carleton F. (R-Sheridan) & John (R-Campbell, Johnson)	49 th
Smith, Charles M. (R-Hot Springs) & Jake D. (D-Teton)	26 th & 27 th
<u>House of Representatives or Both Chambers</u>	
Adams, Robert “Bob” (D-Laramie) & Robert L. “Bob” (D-Natrona)	38 th
* Allison, Archie (R-Laramie, Platte, Goshen/S) & J.A. (R-Campbell/H)	15 th
Anderson, Frank E. (D-Albany/S) & L.C. (D-Laramie/H)	17 th
Anderson, Paul F. (R-Sheridan) & Reuben (D-Laramie)	23 rd
* Anderson, Reuben (D-Laramie/S) & W. Wallace (R-Park/H)	27 th
* Beck, George T. Jr. (D-Park/H) & Oscar (R-Uinta, Lincoln, Sublette/S)	23 rd
* Black, Joseph A. (R-Uinta/H) & Palmer J. (R-Laramie/S)	6 th
* Brock, Albert L. (D-Johnson/H) & Alfred (D-Johnson/S)	12 th
* Burgess, Henry A. (R-Sheridan/S) & Robert A. (R-Natrona/H)	34 th & 35 th
Burke, Howard L. (D-Laramie) & M. Joseph (R-Natrona)	37 th & 38 th
* Chamberlin, Earl L. (R-Goshen/H) & Roy (R-Niobrara/S)	27 th – 31 st
* Christensen, Earl (R-Weston, Crook/S) & S.A. Jr. (D-Uinta/H)	35 th & 36 th
* Clark, Edward T. (R-Laramie/S) & John (R-Sheridan/H)	9 th
Davis, A.J. (D-Sweetwater) & Levi R. (R-Weston & Crook)	11 th
* Davis, C.H. “Cliff” (R-Campbell/H) & Percy T. (R-Fremont, Hot Springs/S)	36 th , 37 th , 39 th –42 nd
Davis, L.R. (R-Crook) & A.D. (D-Sweetwater)	11 th
Davis, Levi (R-Weston, Crook) & Thomas H. (R-Albany)	5 th
Davis, H.W. (R-Johnson), John S. (R-Sweetwater) & Louis G. (R-Carbon)	1 st
Fowler, Porter G. (D-Goshen) & Wade H. (D-Converse)	18 th

Gardner, Clarence W. (R-Uinta, Lincoln) & Philip (D-Carbon)	10 th
Graham, Alfred T. (D-Hot Springs) & J. Leonard (R-Sheridan)	43 rd & 44 th
* Hall, Jesse L. (R-Converse, Niobrara/H) & Robert H. (D-Fremont, Hot Springs/S)	14 th & 15 th
Harrison, Wm. H. "Bill" (R-Laramie) & William Henry (R-Sheridan)	28 th – 30 th
Healy, Alexander (R-Washakie) & F.H. (R-Carbon)	17 th
Hoffman, A.E. (D-Platte) & J. Verne (R-Laramie)	27 th & 28 th
* Horton, Frank O. (R-Johnson/S), Fred (R-Weston/H) & H.H. (R-Weston/H)	20 th
Hudson, James (D-Sweetwater) & Walter W. (R-Goshen)	27 th & 28 th
Hunter, Harry A. (R-Carbon) & Thomas D. (D-Laramie, Platte, Goshen)	15 th
Johnson, Eph. U. (D-Carbon) & Nick W. (D-Fremont)	24 th
* Johnson, J.W. (R-Natrona/S) & William G. (D-Fremont/H)	17 th
* Johnson, James B. (D-Sweetwater/H) & Robert H. (D-Sweetwater/S)	43 rd
* Johnson, John W. (R-Albany/S) & Simeon W. (R-Weston/H)	8 th
* Johnston, Doval (R-Platte/H) & Harvey M. (R-Sheridan/S)	34 th & 36 th
Kelley, Albert D. (R-Laramie) & William H. (D-Laramie)	4 th
* Kendall, Charles G. (R-Sweetwater/S) & David E. (D-Sheridan/H)	13 th & 14 th
Knight, Everett L. (R-Albany) & P.H. (R-Hot Springs)	20 th
Kurtz, Marlin T. (R-Park/H) & N.V. (D-Sheridan/H&S)	31 st , 33 rd & 34 th
* Larson, Richard R. (R-Laramie/S) & T.A. (D-Albany/H)	46 th & 47 th
Layman, Fred W. (R-Natrona) & G.A. (R-Sublette)	20 th
Merrill, Frank (D-Converse) & Samuel (R-Laramie)	1 st
* Miller, Clifford A. (R-Natrona/H) & Leslie A. (D-Albany, Laramie/S)	20 th
Miller, John L. (D-Laramie) & Leslie A. (D-Albany, Laramie)	17 th
Miller, Leslie A. (D-Albany) & Sumner (R-Laramie)	11 th
Mitchell, Finis N. (D-Sweetwater) & Robert "Bob" (D-Uinta)	34 th
Mitchell, George R. (D-Platte) & Robert "Bob" (D-Uinta)	35 th
Moore, Charles C. (R-Fremont) & John E. (D-Uinta)	21 st & 25 th
* Myers, J.W. (D-Uinta & South Lincoln/S) & Ward G. (R-Big Horn/H)	34 th – 42 nd
* Norris, Charles E. (D-Albany/H) & W.A. "Pat" (D-Laramie/S)	25 th – 27 th
Pearson, A.L. (D-Park/H) & Nels A. (D-Sheridan/S)	19 th
* Pearson, Nels A. (D-Sheridan/S) & Troed A. (R-Crook/H)	15 th
Perkins, Dorothy A. (R-Natrona) & Jim (D-Sheridan)	49 th & 50 th
* Russell, John L. (D-Uinta/S) & Thomas (D-Uinta/H)	2 nd
* Sanders, R.H. (D-Sweetwater/S) & Walter L. (D-Big Horn/H)	22 nd & 23 rd
Scott, Charles K. (R-Natrona) & Donald B. (D-Goshen)	45 th & 46 th
* Scully, Leo P. (D-Albany/H) & Patrick H. (D-Albany/S)	38 th

Smith, Charles E. (R-Carbon) & Thomas G. (R-Johnson)	7 th
*Smith, Charles M. (R-Hot Springs/S), Clyde A. (D-Natrona/H) & Eugene P. (D-Albany/H)	25 th
Smith, Clyde A. (D-Natrona) & Henry W. (D-Lincoln)	23 rd & 24 th
*Sullivan, Daniel B. (R-Natrona/S) & Don (D-Laramie/H)	50 th
Sullivan, E.J. (R-Washakie, Big Horn & Hot Springs) & Joseph R. (D-Albany)	12 th
Underwood, J.C. (R-Laramie, Platte, Goshen) & William M. (D-Campbell)	17 th
White, E.S. (R-Natrona) & Willard H. (R-Converse)	6 th
White, Hayden M. (D-Johnson) & Thomas W. (R-Uinta, Lincoln)	11 th
Williams, Frederick J. (D-Weston) & Perry (R-Laramie)	15 th
Wilson, Bayard C. (D-Platte) & Platt (D-Lincoln)	18 th
*Wilson, Bayard C. (D-Platte/S) & Platt (D-Lincoln/H)	21 st
*Wilson, Clifford S. (R-Teton/H) & Platt (D-Lincoln/S)	30 th – 31 st
Wilson, E.H. (D-Fremont & Hot Springs) & Thomas R. (R-Uinta & Lincoln)	12 th
Wilson, A.M. (D-Sweetwater) & Bayard C. (D-Platte)	17 th
*Wilson, James O. (R-Laramie/H), Platt (D-Lincoln/S) & Clifford S. (R-Teton/H)	29 th
*Wilson, Platt (D-Lincoln/H&S) & Riley H. (D-Big Horn/H)	23 rd – 24 th
*Wilson, Platt (D-Lincoln/S) & Riley H. (D-Big Horn/H) & Bayard C. (D-Platte/S)	22 nd
*Wright, William R. (R-Campbell/H) & Earl (R-Sweetwater/S)	24 th
Young, J.B. (R-Sweetwater) & Richard (R-Johnson)	7 th & 8 th

WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE LIST
1991-1998

<u>House of Representatives</u>	<u>Sessions</u>
Anderson, Jim (R-Laramie) & Rodney "Pete" (R-Sheridan)	54 th
Anderson, Rodney "Pete" (R-Sheridan/H) & Susan (R-Natrona)	52 nd
Harrison, Fred (D-Carbon) & Ray (R-Washakie)	51 st
Perkins, Dorothy A. (R-Natrona) & Jim (D-Sheridan)	51 st

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<u>House of Representatives</u>	<u>Sessions</u>
Anderson, Jim (R-Converse) & Rodney "Pete" (R-Laramie)	55 th – 59 th
Johnson, Lorna (D-Albany) & Wayne (R-Laramie)	55 th – 56 th
Esquibel, Floyd A. (D-Laramie/H) & Ken (D-Laramie/H)	59 th
Zwonitzer, Dan (R-Laramie/H) & David (R-Laramie/H)	59 th

*(S [Senate] vs. H [House of Representatives])

ATTACHMENT B

Table 1. Relatives Serving Concurrently, as Prepared by NCSL, March 2007.

Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	2005 - current - Senator Rebecca Rios (daughter) and Representative Peter Rios (father) 2003 - current - Senator Richard Miranda and Representative Ben Miranda (brothers) 1997-2001 - Senator Peter Rios (father) and Representative Rebecca Rios (daughter)
Arkansas	In Arkansas we have had a father in the Senate and his son in the House at the same time. Now his son is a Senator. We have also had a Senator and his nephew in the House at the same time. Now that nephew is a Senator.
California	
Colorado	Phil Massari : in the House, 1953 - 1982 Vincent Massari : House: 1955 - 1964 Senate: 1965 – 1976 I do know that twin brothers served in the House in 1937
Connecticut	
Delaware	
Florida	
Georgia	
Hawaii	<p>Hawaii State House:</p> <p>Brothers: (1963 – 1964) Walter Heen House 1959 – 1964 Senate 1967 – 1968 Ernest Heen, Jr House 1963 – 1966; 1969 - 1970</p> <p>Brothers: (1979 – 1982) DG Andy Anderson House 1963 – 1966 Senate 1967 - 1982 Whitney T. Anderson House 1979 – 1992 Senate 1994 – 2000</p> <p>Uncle/Nephew: (1969 – 1982) John T. Ushijima Senate 1959 – 1982 (President 1975 – 1978) Charles T. Ushijima House 1969 - 1980</p> <p>Brothers: (1981 – 1994) David M. Hagino House 1979 – 1994 Gerald T. Hagino House 1981 - 1982 Senate 1983 - 1994</p>
Idaho	

Illinois	
Indiana	
Iowa	Representatives Jim and Jamie Van Fossen (father, son) served in the Iowa House together from 2003-06. Sen. Larry Murphy and Rep. Pat Murphy (brothers) served together in the Iowa General Assembly in the 1990's.
Kansas	Two brothers Fred and Dave Kerr served in the Kansas Senate from 1985 until 1992 together. Fred became Majority Leader while they were both serving in the Senate. After Fred left Dave became President of the Senate for four years.
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	There is currently a husband-wife Senator-Representative duo in the Massachusetts Legislature - Senator Robert S. Creedon, Jr. from Brockton and the Second Plymouth & Norfolk Senatorial District and his wife, Geraldine who represents the 11th Plymouth Representative District. Additionally, the MA House previously had a father and son, Royal L. Bolling, Sr. and Royal L. Bolling, Jr.; and 2 brothers Steven Chmura, Rudy Chmura and their cousin Steve T. Chmura, serving concurrently. Listing the names on the roll call board was a challenge we solved by using the "Sr." - "Jr.", and the initials of the members with the same last names. We also used the same distinctions in our journal when referring to the members.
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Mississippi	We had a husband in the House and a wife in the Senate in the 1990s (Edward and Barbara Blackmon). Currently there are two brothers (Shaun and Shannon Walley) serving in the Mississippi Legislature, one in each house.
Missouri	
Montana	
Nebraska	
Nevada	
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	Currently we have a father-daughter team and a father-son team serving. Senator Robert Littell has served in the Legislature since 1968 and his daughter, Alison Littell McHose, was elected to the Assembly in 2003 in the same district. In district 9, Senator Leonard Connors has served as a Senator since 1982 and his son, Christopher Connors has served in the Assembly since 1989, same district.
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	
North Dakota	
Ohio	
Oklahoma	
Oregon	Relatives Serving in the Oregon Legislature Concurrently

DATES	NAMES	RELATIONSHIP
1951-54	Maurine (h) & Richard (s) Neuberger	Husband & wife
1957-66	Ben (s) & Katherine (h) Musa	Husband & wife
1971-80	Ed (s) & Nancy Fadeley (h)	Husband & wife
1973-78	Betty, Frank & Mary Roberts (all in Senate)	Betty & Frank were ex-spouses & Mary was the daughter of Frank
1973-76	Ralph (h) & Dick (s) Groener	Nephew & Uncle
1977-80	Steve (s) & Gretchen (h) Kafoury	Ex-spouses (married when Steve was in House)
1981-84	Frank (s) & Barbara (h) Roberts	Husband & wife
1985-92	Ron (s) & Jane (h) Cease	Husband & wife
1987-94	Jim (s) & Stan (h) Bunn	Brothers
1992	Jim (s), Stan (s) & Tom (h) Bunn	Brothers
1999-04	Bruce (h & s) & Charles (s) Starr	Father & son
2001-04	John (s) & Karen (h) Minnis	Husband & wife

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

Herewith the recent instances in Rhode Island of relatives whose services overlapped as follows, in no particular order:

- 1) Thomas R. Coderre, Senator 1995-2002 and his mother Elaine A. Coderre, Rep. 1985-present, both of Pawtucket.
- 2) Stephen D. Alves, Senator 1991-92 and 1995-present, and his father William L. "Buddy" Alves, Jr., Rep. 1987-92, both of West Warwick.
- 3) brothers David Caprio of Narragansett, Rep. 1999-present and Frank Caprio of Providence, Rep. 1991-94, Senator 1995-2006 (now our General Treasurer).
- 4) Charles J. Levesque of Portsmouth, Rep. 1993-2002, Senator 2005-present, overlapped at different times with his siblings, Mary E. Levesque of Jamestown, Rep. 1988-96, and George R. Levesque of Jamestown, Rep. 1997-2000.
- 5) David N. Cicilline of Providence, Rep. 1995-2002 (now mayor of Providence) and his uncle J. Clement Cicilline of Newport, Senator 1993-2002.

This covers the period of my recollection, from the early 1980s. All of the foregoing are/were Democrats. I'm sure further research would turn up earlier instances as well. If and when I find more, I will pass them along.

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas	<p><u>Uncle & Nephew</u> 5th Legislature 1853-1855 Bird Holland - uncle (House) James K. Holland - nephew (House)</p> <p><u>Father & Son</u> 9th Legislature 1861-1863 James K. Holland - father (House) Spearman Holland - son (House)</p> <p>25th Legislature 1897-1899 Edward Linn - father (Senate) John E. Linn - son (Senate)</p> <p>45th Legislature 1937-1939 Dr. William R. Newton, Sr. - father (Senate) George Mayo Newton - son (House)</p> <p>80th Legislature 2007-current Eddie Lucio, Jr. - father (Senate) Eddie Lucio III - son (House)</p> <p><u>Brothers</u> 50th Legislature 1947-1949 Doyle Willis - (House) Phillip L. Willis - (House)</p> <p>78th Legislature 2003-2005 & 79th Legislature 2005-2007 Jim Keffer - (House) Bill Keffer - (House)</p>
Utah	<p>Records of this nature have not been kept for the Utah House; however, I do know of three instances in recent years:</p> <p>Brothers: Glen Brown and Melvin Brown served together from 1987 - 1992. (Both brothers served as Speaker of the House: Glen Brown from 1987 -1988; Melvin Brown from 1995-1998.) Brothers: Gordon Snow and Marlon Snow served together from 1999 - 2000. 1st Cousins: Currently serving are Gregory Curtis and John Dougall.</p>

Vermont	<p>In the Vermont House we had a grandfather serving and his grandson as the second assistant clerk. I am pretty sure that may not be exactly what you are looking to find out.</p> <p>Representative Judy Bloomer Crowley served in the Vermont House from 2001 through 2004. During that period of time, her son (John H. Bloomer, Jr.) and her husband (John P. Crowley) were both members of the Vermont Senate. Senator Crowley resigned his seat in January of 2003, to serve as a department commissioner.</p> <p>Senator James P. Leddy was a member from 1999 through 2006; his sister, Johannah Leddy Donovan, has been a member of the House since 2001.</p> <p>In the 1970s, Senator Russell J. Niquette, Sr. served at the same time that his son, Randall Niquette, was a member of the House.</p> <p>And yours truly, David Gibson, while a member of the Senate in 1981-1982, became married to a member of the House. At that time, of course, brother Bob was Secretary of the Senate, a post he held from 1967 to October of 1999.</p> <p>Sen. George Little & son Rep. Thomas Little</p>
Virginia	<p>The Virginia Senate had two brothers, Richard Holland and Clancy Holland, who served together from 1984-1995. Their father, Shirley Holland, also served in the House of Delegates from 1964-66. There were also two brothers, one, Clint Miller, who served in the House from 1972-1995, while his brother, Kevin Miller, served in the Senate, 1984-2003, so both were serving at the same time for 11 years.</p>
Washington	<p>The state of Washington has had a mother-son team serving simultaneously since 2001. Mom is Senator Pam Roach. Son Dan Roach is serves in the House. Only three times have there been family members in the Evergreen State Legislature: brothers in 1947 in the House; and an uncle and nephew in the later '30s and early '40s. The uncle-nephew duo, George and Roy Kinnear also had the distinction of being the only three-generation statesmen in Washington state when their service was added to that of Senator John Kinnear, elected in 1889</p>
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	<p>Dave Zwonitzer (father) and Dan Zwonitzer (son) are currently serving in the Wyoming House; Floyd Esquibel and Ken Esquibel (brothers) are currently serving in the Wyoming House; and Rodney "Pete" Anderson (grandfather) and Matt Teeters (grandson) are currently serving in the Wyoming House.</p>

Source: NCSL compilation via survey, March 2007.